

# Ohio Slavic & East European Newsletter

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## A CROWDED CALENDAR FOR AUTUMN QUARTER

The calendars of Ohio State and Columbus are packed this autumn with an extraordinary number of events and activities relating to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. The concurrence of special Slavic Center events, University Learning Guild programming on the USSR, and the activities of other local groups makes for a heady mix of cultural and scholarly attractions pertaining to our world area during the months of September, October, and November.

In the interests of prompt publicity, this first issue of OSEEN for the academic year 1990-1991 is devoted largely to an overview of the principal attractions in which the Center for Slavic and East European Studies is most directly involved--i.e., those the Center has organized, cosponsored, or assisted in planning. Many other activities--lectures, gala evenings, video presentations, a tour to the USSR led by Dr. Michael Curran, etc.--are listed in the brochure "From Gulag to Glasnost: Inside the Soviet Union" distributed by the Learning Guild (call 292-8571 for a copy if you did not receive one).

## BROWN BAG LUNCH DISCUSSIONS

The Center's series of monthly Brown Bag lunch discussions will begin this academic year on Wednesday, September 26 with a presentation on "Soviet Elite Attitudes toward Reform" by Dr. Judith Kullberg of the Department of Political Science. Dr. Kullberg, a newly appointed Assistant Professor in the Department, is a specialist in Soviet politics who received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. The session will be held in 260 Cunz Hall from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Subsequent Brown Bags during Autumn Quarter are scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, and Wednesday, November 14, speakers to be announced. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us for these stimulating sessions.

## CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

In collaboration with the University Learning Guild and with support from the Battelle Endowment for Technology and Human Affairs, the Center has organized an international conference on "Technology, Culture, and Development: The Experience of the

Soviet Model," to be held in the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow at 2400 Olentangy River Road on the OSU campus on Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27.

The four sessions of the conference will be devoted to the following topics: Friday morning: "The Rise and Decline of Soviet Technology." Friday afternoon: "Perestroika and Its Implications for Technological Development in the USSR." Saturday morning: "The Revolution in Eastern Europe and Its Implications for Technological Development." Saturday afternoon: "The Environment: Ecology and Technology in the USSR and Eastern Europe."

The principal papers at the conference will be presented by the following leading authorities in their fields:

Dr. Julian Cooper, University of Birmingham, England  
Dr. Joan DeBardleben, McGill University  
Dr. Loren R. Graham, Mass. Institute of Technology  
Dr. Barbara Jancar-Webster, SUNY at Brockport  
Dr. Paul R. Josephson, Sarah Lawrence College  
Dr. John M. Kramer, Mary Washington College  
Dr. Susan J. Linz, Michigan State University  
Dr. Steven W. Popper, Rand Corporation

In addition, special presentations will be made by two distinguished Soviet specialists from the USSR Academy of Sciences: Dr. Maxim Frank-Kamenetskii and Academician Alexander Spirin.

The conference registration fee of \$40 covers attendance at all sessions, two lunches, an evening banquet and entertainment. To register for the conference or receive a detailed brochure, call the Learning Guild at 292-8571. For further information about the conference content, call the Slavic Center at 292-8770.

#### **PUBLIC LECTURES ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE SOVIET REFORMS**

In connection with the conference on "Technology, Culture, and Development" described above, the Slavic Center and the Learning Guild are sponsoring a series of three evening lecture-discussion sessions designed to introduce some of the themes to be treated in the conference. At each 7-9 p.m. session, a lecturer and a panel of respondents (all specialists in their fields) will explore questions relating to technology and society in the USSR and Eastern Europe. To register to attend one or more of the lectures (there is a \$5.00 fee for each), call the Learning Guild at 292-8571. The lecturers, topics, dates, and places are as follows:

Dr. James P. Scanlan, Slavic Center Director, "Glasnost

and Perestroika: Understanding the Implications for Technology and Development." Thurs., Sept. 27, Leo Yassenoff Jewish Center, 1125 College Avenue.

Dr. Valery Soyfer, George Mason University, "The Soviet Reforms and Impact on Technology: How Life Is Changing in the Soviet Union." Thurs., Oct. 11, Chemical Abstracts Service, 2540 Olentangy River Road.

Dr. Gregory Guroff, U.S. Information Agency, "The New Soviet Union: Opportunities for Cultural and Technological Exchange." Monday, October 15, Columbus Alternative High School, 2632 McGuffey Avenue.

### TWO SPECIAL EVENING COURSES

With the support of the Office of Continuing Education, two special Autumn Quarter evening courses will be offered which may be taken either for credit (5 hours) or on a non-credit basis. They are:

"Church and State in the Soviet Union Today" (Slavic and East European Studies 694A) will be offered on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 5:00-6:48 p.m. Taught by Dr. Jerry Pankhurst of Wittenberg University, a sociologist who specializes in the study of religion in the Soviet Union, the course will examine current church-state relations in the USSR, focusing on the various faiths represented and the prospects for greater freedom of religion. Call No.: 17437-6.

"Theater and Beyond: Contemporary Art Modes in the USSR" (Slavic and East European Studies 694B) will meet on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:18 p.m. This is an interdisciplinary course on contemporary Soviet art and culture with a focus on theater, broadly understood to include video, performance art, and happenings. The course will be taught by Dr. Ihor Ciszewycz, a specialist in the performing arts in the USSR. Call No.: 17438-1.

Those wishing to take the courses on a non-credit basis should call the Learning Guild at 292-8571 for information on registration.

### EXHIBITS OF ART FROM THE SOVIET UNION

Not one but three art exhibits featuring Soviet works will be on display at various public locations in Columbus this fall (not to mention some related shows in commercial galleries). They are:

The Quest for Self-Expression: Painting in Moscow and Leningrad, 1965-1990. This major exhibition of paintings reflecting changes in Soviet ideology over the past 25 years features 94 works by 43 artists, selected from major public and private collections and directly from the artists' studios. Columbus Museum of Art, 480 E. Broad St., (614) 221-6801. September 16 through November 25.

Creativity under Duress: From Gulag to Glasnost. Works by Soviet artists, now mostly emigres, who originally showed their art in underground exhibits in Moscow and Leningrad. This show documents their quest for artistic freedom over the years. Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center, 546 Jack Gibbs Blvd. October 1 through 26.

Atelier Krasnopolsky: Russian Children's Art. An exhibition of art works from the reknowned Krasnopolsky Art Center in Moscow. This exhibit may be seen successively in different locations on the Ohio State campus. From October 2 through 12 it will be on display at the Hopkins Hall Gallery, 128 N. Oval Mall, and from October 15 through 26th it will be divided between the Ohio Union (1739 N. High St.) and the Drake Union (1849 Cannon Dr.).

#### LECTURE SERIES AT THE COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART

In connection with the art exhibition "The Quest for Self-Expression: Painting in Moscow and Leningrad, 1965-1990," the Columbus Museum of Art has organized an evening lecture series entitled "From Khrushchev to Gorbachev: The People, Politics, and Painting of Russia."

Four prominent speakers will be featured: **William H. Luers**, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and former State Department official in charge of Soviet and East European relations (September 26); **David Elliott**, Director of the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford, England (October 10); **Hedrick Smith**, journalist and author of The Russians (October 24); and **Norton Dodge**, Soviet art collector and Vice-Chairman of the Maryland State Arts Council (November 7).

For a detailed brochure and information on ticket sales for these lectures, call the Columbus Museum of Art at 221-6801.

#### TWO-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON RUSSIAN ART

Also in connection with the Columbus Museum exhibition,

the Museum and the Department of the History of Art at Ohio State have organized a two-day symposium entitled "The Russian Front: Perspectives on the Currents Shaping Contemporary Art" on October 12 and 13.

Among the many speakers at the symposium will be Maria Carlson of Kansas University; Elena Kornetchuk, President of International Images, Ltd.; Hongor Oulanoff of the Ohio State University; Anna Lawton of Georgetown University; S. Frederick Starr, President of Oberlin College; Anna Kisselgoff, dance critic of the New York Times; Margarita Mazo of The Ohio State University; and Alma Law of the City University of New York.

For a detailed brochure and information on registration for the symposium call the Museum at 221-6801.

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#### OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Although not part of Center or Learning Guild programming, two Columbus performances of special note this autumn should be mentioned. They are:

The Moscow Virtuosi will perform at 8:00 on October 12 in the Mershon Auditorium on the OSU campus. The ensemble is composed of top-ranking soloists and principal chairs from orchestras throughout the Soviet Union, conducted by violinist Vladimir Spivakov. For tickets and information call 292-2354.

CATCO (the Contemporary American Theater Company) of Columbus is staging, in English, two short comedies by Czechoslovakia's leading once-dissident playwrights--Vaclav Havel and Pavel Kohout. In Havel's "Audience," a dissident writer is asked to accept a strange assignment--informing on himself. In "Fire in the Basement" by Kohout, a couple's honeymoon is interrupted by a troop of clownish firemen intent on doing more than quenching fires. There will be performances Wednesdays through Sundays from September 19 through October 13. For tickets and information call 461-0010. Special student rates are available.

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#### STUDY AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

**Fulbright awards.** Fulbright applications for overseas study and research are now handled at Ohio State by Dr. James Siddens of the Graduate School. Call Dr. Siddens at 292-6031 for information about programs. The campus deadlines for some of the

principal programs are September 21, 1990 for Graduate Study Abroad and October 1, 1990 for Modern Languages and Area Study.

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IREX. The International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) offers exchange programs to U.S. scholars for study in Eastern Europe and the USSR. Programs are available in social, political, economic, and cultural studies and in strategic research and analysis. Eligibility requirements are U.S. citizenship and command of the language of the host country. Research exchange applicants in modern foreign languages and area studies must make simultaneous application for Department of Education grants. Deadlines for IREX programs are as follows:

USSR Research Exchanges, 10/15/90

East European Research Exchanges, 10/15/90

Mongolian People's Republic Research Exchanges, 10/15/90

Summer Exchange of Language Teachers with the USSR, 12/15/90

On-Site Language Training in USSR, 10/15/90

Slavonic Studies Seminar in Bulgaria, 10/15/90

Developmental Fellowships, 2/15/91

Short-Term Travel Programs (Collaborative Activities, Senior Scholars, and Independent Research), 10/1/90, 2/1/91, and 6/1/91

Graduate students and faculty members interested in applying need not write to IREX to secure the needed information and forms; we have a limited number of application packets available in the Center office. Call Maryann Keisel at 292-8770 to reserve one.

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American Council of Learned Societies has announced the following Programs and deadlines for 1990-1991:

Fellowships for East European Studies (Joint Committee on Eastern Europe): For postdoctoral or graduate research and training in East European area studies. Not intended for research within Eastern Europe. November 15, 1990.

ACLS Grants for Travel to International Meetings: This program has temporarily been suspended.

ACLS Fellowships: For research in the humanities. Tenure is for six months to one year between July 1, 1991 and December 31, 1992. Maximum award: \$15,000. October 1, 1990.

ACLS Research Fellowships for Recent PhD Recipients: For research in the humanities for applicants whose PhD degree will have been conferred between January 1, 1988 and December 31, 1990. Tenure is for six months to one year between July 1, 1991,

and December 31, 1992. Maximum award: \$10,000. October 1, 1990.

ACLS Grants-in-Aid: For support of humanistic research in progress. Tenure is between May 1, 1991 and May 1, 1992. Maximum award: \$3,000. December 14, 1990.

For application forms: Office of Fellowships and Grants, ACLS, 228 E. 45th St., New York, NY 10017-3398. FAX communication not accepted. For the programs with October 1 deadlines, requests for application forms must be received by ACLS no later than September 27, 1990.

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**Joint Committee on Soviet Studies, SSRC/ACLS Individual Support Programs:**

Graduate Training in Russian and Soviet Studies, two-year awards, provide support for the 3rd and 4th or 4th and 5th years of graduate study.

Dissertation Fellowships in Russian and Soviet Studies, support for the final year of dissertation write-up.

Post-doctoral Fellowships in Russian and Soviet Studies, support for three summers and one semester of research; for recent untenured PhDs who will have defended their dissertations by September 1, 1991.

Application deadline for all programs: December 1, 1990. Applicants must be US citizens. For information and applications: Joint Committee on Soviet Studies, Social Science Research Council, 605 Third Ave., New York, NY 10158.

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**Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.** The short-term grants programs of both the Kennan Institute and the East European program have four application deadlines a year: March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and December 1st. For further information about these and other forms of support offered by the Wilson Center, write to these addresses:

East European Program, Wilson Center  
Smithsonian Institution Building  
Washington, D.C. 20560

Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies  
95 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Suite 7400  
Washington, D.C. 20560

**National Council for Soviet & East European Research.** NCSEER invites proposals for funding under its program of research and related activities for 1991. Appropriate subjects for research proposals include: the operation of, and long-term prospects for, the Soviet and East European economies; long-term developments in Soviet and East European foreign policies, especially as they affect the US; long-term trends in Soviet and East European societies; Soviet and East European intentions, objectives, and policy options. In addition to the basic research, the Council invites proposals for activities designed to disseminate information, e.g., conferences, bibliographics, publications, and broadcasts, as well as other research-related activities.

Applications must be submitted through US non-profit and educational institutions and should take the form of an institutional proposal for a research contract. Please direct inquiries and requests for application guidelines to: National Council for Soviet & East European Research, 1755 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 304, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 387-0168. Applications must be postmarked by November 1, 1990.

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#### **CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS**

**1990**

October 5-6, 1990. Conference on Contemporary Soviet-Russian Literature to coincide with Tat'iana Tolstaia's stay as Author-in-Residence at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. For information, contact: Prof. Peter I. Barta, Dept. of Germanic & Slavic Languages, Box 4579, Texas Tech U., Lubbock, TX 79409-2072.

October 11-13, 1990. The 15 Annual European Studies Conference, sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Contact: Bernard Kolasa, Conference Coordinator, Political Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska 68182. Phone (402) 554-3617.

October 12-13, 1990. Symposium sponsored by the History of Art Department of The Ohio State University and the Columbus Museum of Art in conjunction with the exhibition "Russian Painting 1965-1990: The Quest for Self-Expression". Myroslava M. Ciszewycz, History of Art Department, 100 Hayes Hall, 108 N. Oval Mall, Columbus, Ohio, 43210-1318. Tel. (614) 292-7481.

October 18-21, 1990. The 22nd National Convention of the AAASS, Washington, DC at the Washington Hilton.

October 21-22, 1990. Conference on "The Role of Geography in Jewish Civilization--Perceptions of Space, Place, Time and



**Location in Jewish Life and Thought"** sponsored by The Ohio State University and the Melton Center for Jewish Studies. Neil G. Jacobs, Conference Director, Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Languages and Literatures, The Ohio State University, 256 Cunz Hall, 1841 Millikin Rd., Columbus, OH 43210-1229.

October 26-27, 1990. Conference on "Technology, Culture, and Development: The Experience of the Soviet Model". Contact James P. Scanlan, Director, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, 344 Dulles Hall, 230 West 17th Avenue, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210-1311; tel. (614) 292-8770.

October 26-27, 1990. The 14th Annual Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and Literatures will be held at Youngstown State University. Send inquiries to: Foreign Language Conference, Department of Foreign Languages, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio 44555.

November 2-3, 1990. The annual meeting of the Central Slavic Conference (AAASS Regional Affiliate), at Kansas University. Contact: William C. Fletcher, Director, Soviet and East European Studies, 106 Lippincott Hall, Kansas U., Lawrence, KS 66045.

December 28-30, 1990. Annual AATSEEL Meeting, in Chicago. Bonnie Marshall, Dept. of German and Russian, Davidson College, Davidson, NC 28036.

## 1991

March 21-23, 1991. The Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (AAASS Regional Affiliate), at the DeSoto-Hilton, Savannah, Georgia, hosted by Armstrong State University. Local arrangements: Olavi Arens, History Dept., Armstrong State College, Savannah, GA 31406. Program: Prof. Ted Uldricks, Dept. of History, U. of North Carolina, Asheville, NC 28804. Tel.: (704) 251-6415.

April 12-13, 1991. Call for Panels and Papers. The New England Slavic Association (AAASS Regional Affiliate) annual meeting, at Framingham State College. Proposals for complete panels especially welcome, but every effort will be made to accommodate individual papers. Send proposals by January 31, 1991, to Joseph Harrington, NESA Program Chair, History Dept., Framingham State College, 100 State St., Framingham, MA 01701.

April 24-27, 1991. Call for Papers and Panels. For the Rocky Mountain Slavic Association (AAASS Regional Affiliate) annual meeting in conjunction with the Western Social Science Association, Reno, Nevada. Send proposals by November 1, 1990, to: Helen S. Hundley, History Dept., Wichita State U., Wichita, KS 67208; (316) 689-3150.

May 22-24, 1991. Call for papers. 7th Biennial Conference on the Non-Slavic Languages of the USSR, at the University of Chicago, sponsored by the Center for Balkan & Slavic Studies and the Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago. Submit a one-page abstract by October 1, 1990, to: H. I. Aronson/B. J. Darden, Dept. of Linguistics, U. of Chicago, 1010 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637; E-MAIL: HIA5@TANK.UCHICAGO.EDU.

July, 1991. Annual Meeting of the Society for Romanian Studies and the International Congress of Romanian Studies, at Skidmore College. Mary Ellen Fischer, Dept. of Government, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

August 8-15, 1991. The 18th Annual International Congress of Byzantine Studies, in Moscow. The Congress will focus on relations between the Byzantines and the Slavs, particularly Rus'. Prof. George Majeska, President, US National Committee, Dept. of History, U. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

November 22-25, 1991. The 23rd National Convention of the AAASS, hosted by the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, will be held in Miami, Florida. The meeting will have two special themes: Soviet & East European Studies in Latin America; and Soviet & East European Relations with Latin America.



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